



# Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

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### Community Fisheries Receive Heavy Pressure

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Late, wet spring weather has put additional pressure on community fisheries in Carbon and Emery Counties. Anglers anxious to head to the high country have frequently been stymied by wind, rain and snow throughout the months of April and May. This has, in turn, increased fishing pressure on the more easily accessed community fisheries.

Community fisheries are designed to provide a convenient angling alternative, particularly for children, the elderly and disabled. Unfortunately, conservation officers often encounter individuals abusing the fisheries by taking gross over-limits; not practicing sustainable catch and release practices or leaving significant amounts of litter in the area.

On a recent contact at the Emery County Game Farm Conservation Officer Devin Christensen discovered a family with a double over-limit of trout. Taking over-limits can quickly deplete a community fishery, which are receiving heavier than normal pressure. This has been particularly noticeable this year when anglers are forced to find recreational opportunities at lower elevations.

The Division of Wildlife expends significant effort and funding to create and stock community fisheries around the state. By heeding limit restrictions, anglers can ensure quality experiences at community fisheries into the future, and for everyone.

Whether at your local urban fishery or at your favorite mountain stream, please do your part to protect Utah's fisheries. If you witness a violations, please contact the UTiP hotline at: 1-800-662-3337



**Help protect Utah fisheries for future generations.  
Turn in a poacher, 1-800-662-3337**

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